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The Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman  
Committee on Government Operations,  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of 16 October 1970 describing the proposed travel overseas of Senator Edward Gurney and his associates, and Agency representatives have been in touch with Mr. Philip Morgan, of the Subcommittee staff, concerning their trip.

Most of the areas of inquiry described in your letter are not matters of primary concern to this Agency. As you know, CIA has no responsibility for the activities of American citizens either in the United States or abroad, and any information which we might acquire incidentally on the activities of U.S. personnel abroad is passed on to those departments and agencies having an interest in them.

I have instructed our people overseas, however, to assure that any information they may have of interest to the Subcommittee has been passed to the State Department representatives who will be dealing with Senator Gurney and his group. You may be assured they will receive our complete cooperation.

I trust that you are well and that you will be able to avoid future disruptions such as the one I read about in the newspapers the other day.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Richard Helms  
Director

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